Electronic telephone exchanges in Nagaland

908. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges set up during the last three years in the State of Nagaland;

(b) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges proposed to be set up during the next two years; and

(c) by when, these telephone exchanges would be set up in the State and what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Number of electronic telephone exchanges set up during the last three years in Nagaland are as under:—

Year	Exchanges
2001-02	3 [Sechu, Kohima & Chekiya]
2002-03	3 [Longleng, Noklak & Kohima UHF(RSU)]
2003-04	1 [Khonoma]

(b) and (c) Now new electronic telephone exchange is planned to be set up during next two years *i.e.* 2004-05, 2005-06 as sufficient switching capacity is available.

Functioning of telephones in Nagaland

909. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones functioning properly in the State of Nagaland;

(b) the number of persons are in the waiting list, district-wise, as on the 30th June, 2004;

(c) by when, the waiting list would be cleared; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?